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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAKAR 4465

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, CG, FR, SG

SUBJECT: SHABA AIRLIFT: LOOSE ENDS FOR SENEGAL FORCE

1. I SAW BOTH PRIME MINISTER AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR TODAY,
BOTH OF WHOM INDICATED THERE ARE STILL UNSETTLED PROBLEMS
WITH RESPECT TO SENEGALESE FORCE FOR SHABA. FRENCH ARE
STILL PLANNING ON COMPANY SIZE FORCE. SENEGALESE MILITARY
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HAVE ARGUED PERSUASIVELY WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND PRIME
MINISTER THAT BATTALION IS NEEDED TO ASSURE NECESSARY
PROTECTION AGAINST HOSTILE ACTION. FRENCH AMBASSADOR
WIBAUX TOLD ME THAT PROBLEM HAS BEEN REFERRED TO ELYSEE
FOR RESOLUTION. WIBAUX APPEARS TO FAVOR SENEGALESE
POINT OF VIEW.

2. SECOND PROBLEM IS SENEGALESE INSISTENCE THAT FRENCH GUARANTEE MOBUTU'S PROMISE TO PROVIDE EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES TO SENEGALESE FORCE IN SHABA. NATURALLY, THEY DO NOT HAVE FAITH IN ZAIRE'S ABILITY TO FULFILL COMMITMENT. SENEGALESE FORCES ALREADY UNHAPPY THAT SOLDIERS WILL BE PAID IN ZAIRES FOR LOCAL EXPENSES. AMBASSADOR WIBAUX SAID THIS PROBLEM ALSO REFERRED TO ELYSEE.

3. ON BASIS MY CONVERSATIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER DIOUF AND CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL FALL, IT IS CLEAR THAT SENEGALESE UNDERSTAND COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY RESTS WITH FRENCH, AND THAT WE TAKE OUR MARCHING ORDERS FROM PARIS.
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